

practices for the installation and maintenance of green stormwater infrastructure, and assist any state requesting help to develop a stormwater management plan by providing guidance based on those best practices; **Pages H7663–64**

Duncan (TN) amendment (No. 20 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–326), as modified, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have clarified that motor carriers who have not been prioritized for a compliance review by FMCSA due to their safe operations are equal in safety status to “satisfactory” rated carriers; **Pages H7671–72**

Newhouse amendment (No. 27 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–326) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have directed the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) to establish a port performance statistics program, with quarterly reports to Congress; the program will collect basic uniform data on port performance and provide empirical visibility into how U.S. ports are operating, identify key congestion issues, and ensure U.S. commerce continues to flow efficiently; and **Pages H7677–78**

Chabot amendment (No. 58 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–326) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have amended certain sections of Title 49 of the US Code to increase penalties relating to commercial motor vehicle safety. **Pages H7685–86**

#### Proceedings Postponed:

Schakowsky amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–326) that seeks to improve quality and quantity of information shared about vehicle safety issues among auto manufacturers, NHTSA, and consumers. Also improves the quality and quantity of safety information provided about used cars at point of sale; **Pages H7723–25**

Mullin amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–326) that seeks to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that in promulgating regulations any preference or incentive provided to electric vehicles is also provided to natural gas vehicles; **Pages H7725–26**

Burgess amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–326) that seeks to modify and add certain provisions to the Senate amendments dealing with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and **Pages H7726–28**

Neugebauer amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–326) that seeks to execute a liquidation of the Federal Reserve surplus account and remittance of funds to the U.S. Treasury; the amendment also dissolves the existence of the surplus account on a go-forward basis; and the amendment ensures future net earnings of the Federal Reserve, in

excess of dividend paid, are remitted to the U.S. Treasury. **Pages H7728–30**

The amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–32, as amended by H. Res. 507, was agreed to by voice vote.

H. Res. 512, the rule providing for further consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 22) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 598, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 597. **Pages H7614–50, H7652–53**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, November 5th. **Page H7741**

**Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members to the Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representatives Schakowsky, Nadler, DeGette, Speier, DelBene, and Watson Coleman. **Page H7741**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and twenty three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7650–51, H7651, H7651–52, H7652–53, H7653, H7687, H7687–88, H7688–89, H7689, H7689–90, H7690–91, H7691, H7691–92, H7712, H7712–13, H7713–14, H7714, H7714–15, H7715–16, H7716, H7716–17, H7717–18, H7718, and H7718–19. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:05 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2015.

## Committee Meetings

### AMERICAN AGRICULTURE AND OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “American Agriculture and Our National Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health concluded a markup on H.R. 2017, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015”; H.R. 2446, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require the use of electronic visit verification for personal care services furnished under the Medicaid program; H.R. 2646, the “Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act”; H.R. 3014, the “Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act”; H.R. 3537, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act

of 2015”; H.R. 3716, the “Ensuring Terminated Providers Are Removed from Medicaid and CHIP Act”; and H.R. 3821, the “Medicaid Directory of Caregivers Act”. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 3014 and H.R. 3537. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 2446, H.R. 3716, H.R. 3821, H.R. 2017, and H.R. 2646.

#### **SEMI-ANNUAL TESTIMONY ON THE FEDERAL RESERVE’S SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 1309, the “Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 1478, the “Policyholder Protection Act of 2015”; H.R. 1550, the “Financial Stability Oversight Council Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 2209, to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to treat certain municipal obligations as level 2A liquid assets, and for other purposes; H.R. 3340, the “Financial Stability Oversight Council Reform Act”; H.R. 3557, the “FSOC Transparency and Accountability Act”; H.R. 3738, the “Office of Financial Research Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 3868, the “Small Business Credit Availability Act”; H.R. 3857, to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Financial Stability Oversight Council to carry out certain requirements under the Financial Stability Act of 2010 before making any new determination under section 113 of such Act, and for other purposes; and a hearing entitled “Semi-Annual Testimony on the Federal Reserve’s Supervision and Regulation of the Financial System”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1309, H.R. 1550, H.R. 2209, H.R. 3557, H.R. 3738, and H.R. 3857. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1478, H.R. 3340, and H.R. 3868. Testimony was heard from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### **U.S. POLICY AFTER RUSSIA’S ESCALATION IN SYRIA**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy after Russia’s Escalation in Syria”. Testimony was heard from Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

#### **DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY: EVALUATING THE 2015 ‘TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT’**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Demanding Accountability: Evaluating the 2015 ‘Trafficking in Persons Report’”. Testimony was heard from Kari Johnstone, Principal Deputy Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; James Carouso, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Alex Lee, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and a public witness.

#### **CHALLENGE TO EUROPE: THE GROWING REFUGEE CRISIS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Challenge to Europe: The Growing Refugee Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **A NEW APPROACH TO INCREASE TRADE AND SECURITY: AN EXAMINATION OF CBP’S PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “A New Approach to Increase Trade and Security: An Examination of CBP’s Public Private Partnerships”. Testimony was heard from John Wagner, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Michael Gelber, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; David A. Garcia, County Administrator, Cameron County, Texas; and a public witness.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2285, the “Prevent Trafficking in Cultural Property Act”; H.R. 2795, the “First Responder Identification of Emergency Needs in Disaster Situations Act”; H.R. 3842, the “Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers Reform and Improvement Act of 2015”; H.R. 3859, the “HSA Technical Corrections Act”; H.R. 3875, the “Department of Homeland Security CBRNE Defense Act of 2015”; H.R. 3869, the “State and Local Cyber Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3878, the “Strengthening Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Coordination in Our Ports Act of 2015”. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 3859

and H.R. 3869. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 2285, H.R. 2795, H.R. 3842, H.R. 3875, and H.R. 3878.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1815, the “Eastern Nevada Implementation Improvement Act”; and H.R. 3342, to provide for the stability of title to certain lands in the State of Louisiana. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hardy and Fleming; and Steve Ellis, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 3843, the “Locatable Minerals Claim Location and Maintenance Fees Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3844, the “Energy and Minerals Reclamation Foundation Establishment Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Eric Cavazza, Director, Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Geoffrey S. Plumlee, Research Geochemist Environment, Human Health, and Disasters, U.S. Geological Survey; and public witnesses.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 2009, the “Pascua Yaqui Tribe Land Conveyance Act of 2015”; H.R. 2719, the “Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act”; and H.R. 3079, to take certain Federal land located in Tuolumne County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representative Kilmer; Michael Smith, Deputy Director, Field Operations, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior; Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

#### THE FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REFORM ACT’S (FITARA) ROLE IN REDUCING IT ACQUISITION RISK, PART II—MEASURING AGENCIES’ FITARA IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Reform Act’s (FITARA) Role in Reducing IT Acquisition Risk, Part II—Measuring Agencies’ FITARA Implementation”. Testimony was heard from Tony Scott, U.S. Chief Information Officer, Of-

fice of E-Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Sonny Bhagowalia, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Treasury; Richard McKinney, Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation; David Shive, Chief Information Officer, General Services Administration; and David A. Powner, Director, IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

#### AN EXAMINATION OF CONTINUED CHALLENGES IN VA’S VETS FIRST VERIFICATION PROCESS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce of the House Committee on Small Business, held a joint hearing entitled “An Examination of Continued Challenges in VA’s Vets First Verification Process”. Testimony was heard from William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Quentin Aucoin, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Tom Leney, Executive Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY TO WAIVE ANTI-TERROR PROVISIONS IN THE TAX CODE WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on presidential authority to waive anti-terror provisions in the tax code with respect to Iran. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring success for the Social Security Disability Insurance program and its beneficiaries, after receiving testimony from Patrick P. O’Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Mark G. Duggan, Stanford University Institute for Economic Policy Research, Stanford, California; and Rebecca D. Vallas, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine wildfire, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on budgetary impacts and threats to natural resources on Federal, state, and private lands, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine revisiting the roles and missions of the armed forces, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine agency progress in retrospective review of existing regulations, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Leonard Terry Strand, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, Julien Xavier Neals, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Gary Richard Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Mark A. Young, to be United

States District Judge for the Central District of California, 10 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

**House**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the Costly Failures of Obamacare’s CO-OP Insurance Loans”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2241, the “Global Health Innovation Act of 2015”; H.R. 2845, the “African Growth and Opportunity Act Enhancement Act of 2015”; H.R. 3750, the “First Responders Passport Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3766, the “Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Iran’s Power Projection Capability”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining EPA’s Predetermined Efforts to Block the Pebble Mine”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

**Joint Meetings**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to receive a briefing on the rule of law and civil society in Azerbaijan, 2 p.m., 311, Cannon Building.